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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – California Plan for Arrival of First COVID-19 Vaccine Doses

(U) California expects the first batch of coronavirus vaccine to arrive in the state in weeks but it's not yet clear who will get the first shots and when those inoculations begin. Governor Gavin Newsom said 327,000 doses of Pfizer's vaccine should arrive in mid-December. He said more vaccine from Moderna and other companies could soon follow. That has California finalizing plans for how to distribute the vaccine and determine who should be first in line. Yesterday, the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, recommended health care workers and nursing home residents be the first to get shots.

SOURCE: 1 December 2020, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Alabama – Huntsville City Schools Cancels Classes Due to Ransomware Threat

(U) Huntsville – Huntsville City Schools cancelled classes yesterday due to a ransomware threat. The district announced that it was closing all schools and campuses for the remainder of the day "due to a potential cybersecurity threat." It said "students, families, and faculty and staff members should shut down their district-issued devices and ensure the devices remain off until further notice." It appears to be a ransomware attack and that the system is working with local and federal authorities. As of Monday afternoon, it is not known if anyone's information has been compromised.

SOURCE: 30 November 2020, [WAAY 31](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Report Concludes US War on Drugs in Latin America Needs Overhaul

(U) Washington – The United States' anti-drug policy in Latin America needs to change if Washington is to effectively combat a problem worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic, a US congressional commission will say in a bipartisan report coming out this week. The 117-page report urges "smarter" interagency policies led by the US State Department to reduce the supply of dangerous drugs. It also calls on authorities to combat money laundering by blocking the flow of illicit funds using cryptocurrencies and complex cross-border financial transactions. It is the result of 18 months of research into the "war on drugs" that has cost billions of US taxpayers' dollars without ending high rates of violence and corruption in much of the western hemisphere.

SOURCE: 1 December 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US May Start Sharing Sensitive Information with Honduras in Drug Fight

(U) Washington – The United States could begin sharing sensitive intelligence with Honduras about inbound flights carrying drugs, US officials told Reuters, even as the Central American country faces scrutiny from Washington over drug-related corruption. Former US officials and experts cautioned that sharing intelligence with Honduras about flights entering the country could prove particularly tough, given well-documented, parallel US concerns about corruption inside Honduras stemming from cocaine trafficking.

SOURCE: 1 December 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Afghan Government, Taliban Announce Deal to Pursue Peace Talks

(U) Kabul – Afghan government and Taliban representatives said today they had reached a preliminary deal to press on with peace talks, their first written agreement in 19 years of war and welcomed by the United Nations and Washington. The agreement lays out the way forward for further discussion but is considered a breakthrough because it will allow negotiators to move on to more substantive issues, including talks on a ceasefire.

SOURCE: 2 December 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) France – Interpol Warns COVID-19 Vaccines Could Be Targeted by Criminals

(U) Lyon – Interpol warned organized criminal networks could be targeting COVID-19 vaccines and could look to sell fake shots. Interpol issued a global alert to law enforcement across its 194 member countries, warning them to prepare for organized crime networks targeting COVID-19 vaccines, both physically and online. As governments are preparing to roll out vaccines, criminal organizations are planning to infiltrate or disrupt supply chains. Criminal networks will also be targeting unsuspecting members of the public via fake websites and false cures, which could pose a significant risk to their health, even their lives.

SOURCE: 2 December 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Germany – Man Kills Five People Driving Vehicle Into Crowd; No Indication of Terrorist Motivation

(U) Trier – A man drove an SUV at high speed through a pedestrian zone in the southwestern German city of Trier yesterday, killing five people and seriously injuring more than a dozen. The driver, identified as a 51-year-old German man born in Trier and arrested at the scene, had no fixed address and had been living in recent days in the Land Rover that a friend had loaned him, which was used in the attack. An official reported they have no indication that there was any kind of a terrorist, political or religious motive that could have played a role in the incident.

SOURCE: 1 December 2020, [CBS News](#)

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